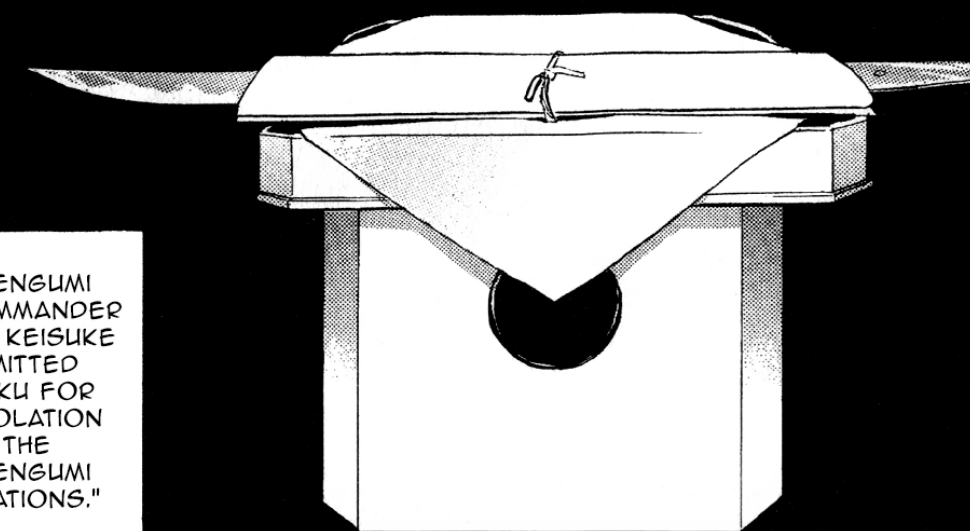


SECOND
YEAR OF
GENJI (1865)

TWENTY-THIRD
DAY OF THE
SECOND
MONTH

SHINSENGUMI
VICE-COMMANDER
SANNAN KEISUKE
COMMITTED
SEPPUKU FOR
THE "VIOLATION
OF THE
SHINSENGUMI
REGULATIONS."



HIS
KAISHAKUNIN*
WAS
FIRST SQUAD
CAPTAIN
OKITA SOUJI.

SANNAN HAD
BEEN THEIR
COMRADE
EVER SINCE
THEY WERE
AT THE
SHIEIKAN IN
EDO.

遠

雷

DISTANT
THUNDER

すずはら篠

Shino Suzuhara Presents

* an assistant appointed to behead an individual who has performed seppuku



WERE YOU
HERE THE
WHOLE TIME?



OKITA
-SENSEI.

I WAS
LOOKING
FOR YOU



SAITO-SAN.



I UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU
FEEL.

SANNAN
WAS A
"GOOD
PERSON."

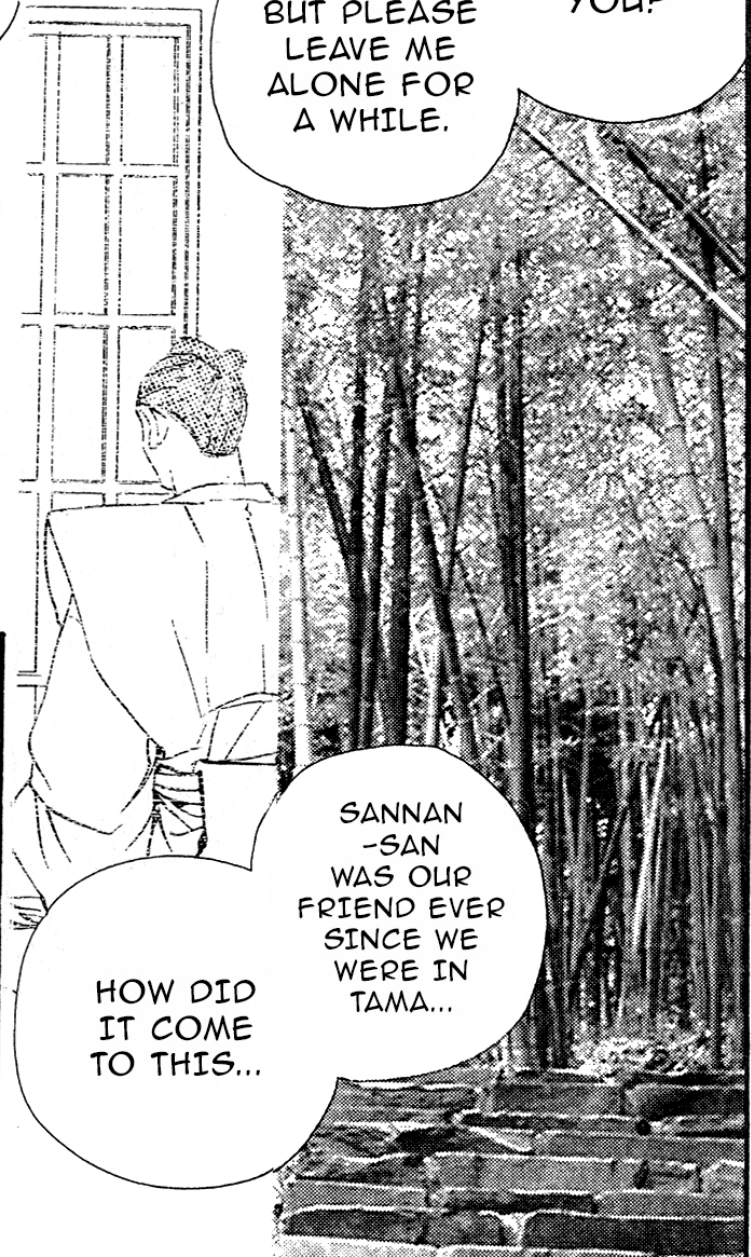
BUT YOU
HAVEN'T SHOWN
UP AT THE
HEADQUARTERS
FOR TWO DAYS
NOW.

SINCE YOU'RE
NOT
ANSWERING
OUR ORDERS...

ARE YOU
TRYING
TO
ESCAPE?

I'M SORRY,
BUT PLEASE
LEAVE ME
ALONE FOR
A WHILE.

DID
HIJIKATA
SEND
YOU?



SANNAN
-SAN
WAS OUR
FRIEND EVER
SINCE WE
WERE IN
TAMA...

HOW DID
IT COME
TO THIS...



I CAN'T
DISOBEY
HIS
ORDERS.

...BEFORE
THAT
HAPPENS,

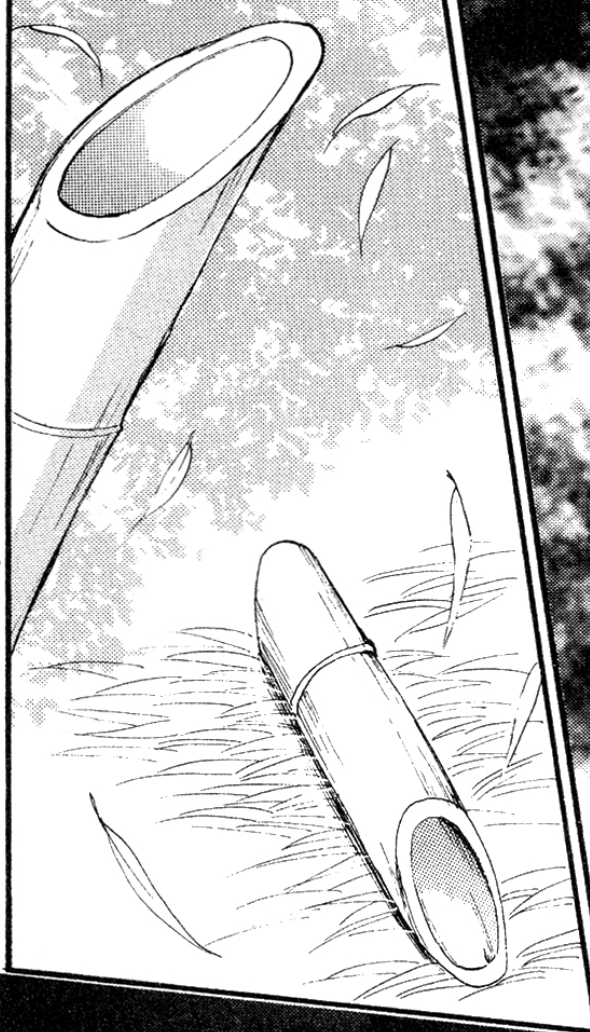
VICE-
COMMANDER
HIJIKATA HAS
ORDERED US TO
TAKE YOU DOWN
BY FORCE.



...

BY
FORCE
...?





CHOP

BECAUSE I KNOW

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

WHAT MAKES HIM UNABLE
TO TRUST PEOPLE



IS NOT ANYONE ELSE

BUT HE HIMSELF —

CLINK



...
REALLY,

HIJIKATA-
SAN IS A
CAUTIOUS
PERSON.

THAT'S
HOW HE'S
ALWAYS
BEEN.

CHUCKLE

HIS HEAD IS
FILLED WITH
THOUGHTS
ABOUT MAKING
OUR TROOPS
INVINCIBLE.



WILL
SOMEDAY
BECOME A
PILE OF
CORPSES.

EVERY-
THING
AROUND
HIM

RUSTLE

IF HE
KEEPS
DOUBTING
EVERYONE
LIKE
THAT...

I KNOW
THIS,
BUT



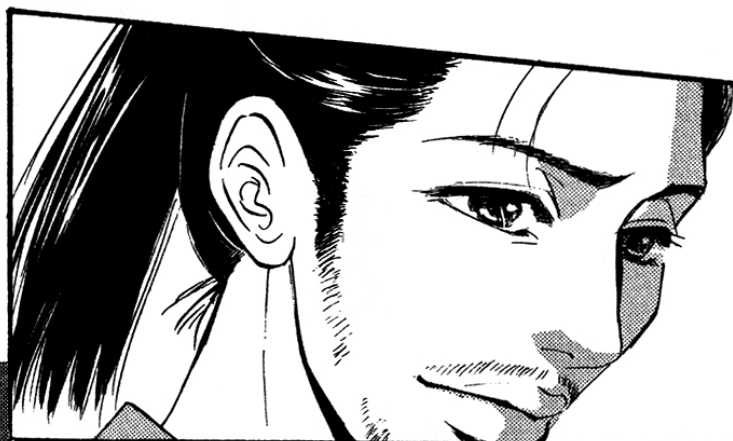
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
CREATES
THE
CORPSES,
AREN'T
YOU?

OKITA
-SAN?



RIGHT,
SAITO-
SAN?

AND YOU'RE
THE ONE
SUPPORTING
ME FROM
BEHIND THE
SCENES—



RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

LET'S
HEAD
BACK.

A STORM
IS
COMING.

〔遠雷・完〕

DISTANT THUNDER • END



新選組 沖田総司

Shinsengumi
Okita Souji

煌の残像

Shining Afterimage (Kirameki no Zanzo)
from ピチコミックス Pichi Comics

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